

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Date of Meeting: May 11, 2017 – 6:30 PM**  
 Location: Harvest Christian Church, 24400 W. 7 Mile Road, Detroit MI 48219

**Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 6:30 PM (May 11, 2017)**

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chair	Yes	
Vacant, Vice Chair	N/A	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Excused	
Eva Dewaelsche	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Excused	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	8	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules, approve the Agenda for May 11, 2017.

The Board acted in accordance with its rules, approve the following Board Minutes:  
**Thursday, May 4, 2017**

**BOPC Officers Report(s):** After welcome and opening remarks **Chairman Bell** asked Pastor Bob King, of Harvest Christian Church to provide the invocation and give any welcoming remarks as host of the BOPC Community Meeting. **Chairman Bell** asked the Commissioners in attendance to introduce themselves and add any comments to the record. Other elected officials, representatives and VIPs were also asked to identify themselves or their organizational affiliations. BOPC staff in attendance were also introduced. Bell also welcomed Chief Craig to the meeting and invited him to introduce his staff (Chief Craig subsequently turned his part of the meeting over to Assistant Chief Arnold Williams inasmuch as the Chief was preparing to travel to Washington D.C. for Police Week.)

**Chairman Bell** inquired about the health of the recent shot Detroit Police Officer. **Commissioner Shelby** added his concern in support for the officer and his family. Chairman Bell indicated he was interested in adjusting the meeting time for our next meeting from 3:00 PM to 2:30 PM (May 18, 2017) to allow from the Board to interview the search committee's recommendation for Attorney to the Board.

**Motion:** Motion to **change the time of the May 18, 2017 BOPC Board Meeting** from 3:00 PM to 2:30 PM (**Dewaelsche**),

**Second:** (Vann)

**Vote:** Yes = 8      No = 0    Abst = 0 (Excused = 2)      (Vacant = 1)      **Action: Approved**

**Chairman Bell** also indicated the BOPC has a recommendation for action from the Chief of Police to appoint to the rank of Deputy Chief, Todd A. Bettison.

**Motion:** Motion to **approve the Chief's recommendation to appoint Todd Bettison** to the rank of Deputy Chief (**Dewaelsche**),

**Second:** (Sanders)

**Vote:** Yes = 8      No = 0    Abst = 0 (Excused = 2)      (Vacant = 1)      **Action: Approved**

**Resolutions and Memorials:** Two resolution were presented to the Board (a) Ms. Peggy Nobel and (b) Mr. Titus W. McClary. The Commission read into the record a resolution for Ms. Nobel and Memorial Resolution for Titus McClary.

**RESOLUTION HONORING MS. PEGGY NOBEL**

**WHEREAS** Peggy Nobel is a dedicated supporter of the City of Detroit. She received her General Education Diploma from the Detroit Public School District. She continued her studies and received both her Bachelor’s Degree and Master’s Degree in Social Work from Wayne State University; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Nobel is the president and organizer of the College Park Community Association. Her commitment to the overall well-being of her neighborhood, does not only include her work with the Detroit Police Department, but also her efforts working along with other concerned citizens of her neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Nobel’s sincerity and devotion to her neighborhood through community service is an example of the type of citizen that most residents of this community would want as a next-door neighbor and would consider to be a stand up citizen, always vigilant against lawlessness. Ms. Noble has been a true pillar to the advancement of her community and the City of Detroit; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Nobel has received community service awards from the Detroit City Council District 2, the Wayne County Commissioner’s office, and Cathy Garrett, Wayne County Clerk office. She prides herself in living by the motto “Success is not what you accomplish but the struggles one prevails through”.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great city of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department acknowledge the dedicated, support of Ms. Peggy Nobel. Her generous spirit and commitment to improving the quality of life for all citizens in the Eighth Precinct and throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards.

**Motion:** Motion to approve the resolution to honor **Ms. Peggy Nobel (Dewaelsche)**,

**Second:** (Sanders)

**Vote:** Yes = 8      No = 0      Abst = 0 (Excused = 2)      (Vacant = 1)      **Action: Approved**

**RESOLUTION HONORING MR. TITUS W. McCLARY**

**WHEREAS** Titus W. McClary was a native of Georgetown, South Carolina. He came to Detroit as a teenager and joined Ebenezer A.M.E Church with his family; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. McClary graduated from Highland Park High School in 1955 and went on to earn a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Detroit. He later studied Urban Ministry at Tyndale College; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. McClary found his calling in public service and was a true champion of Highland Park. He worked for more than 25 years in the Police Department, where he earned the rank of lieutenant, and he later served in numerous civic, education and political roles. He was a board member for both the public school system and the community college and served as City Council President and Mayor. In 1990, he was among the first inductees into the Highland Park Community High School Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. McClary also showed leadership in law enforcement throughout Metro Detroit and the nation. He was an early member of the historic Black Guardians, a charter member of the Blue Knights of Highland Park, and the National Black Police Association. Many other groups benefitted from his time and wisdom, including the National Crime Prevention Institute, the National Academy for School Executives, the NAACP, the Friends of the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, the local American Legion and various Democratic Party organizations; and

**WHEREAS** the life of Titus W. McClary has been marked by selfless service. His many contributions are a testament to why – as a five-foot, one-inch tall youth who took up boxing to fight bullies and then went on to win the prized Golden Glove – he truly was a giant of a man, and a giant among leaders.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the dedication and legacy of Mr. Titus W. McClary. His commitment to improving the profession of law enforcement and to serving the greater Detroit community, merits our highest regard.

**Motion:** Motion to approve the resolution to honor the life of **Mr. Titus W. McClary (Dewaelsche)**,

**Second:** (Sanders)

**Vote:** Yes = 8 No = 0 Abst = 0 (Excused = 2) (Vacant = 1) **Action: Approved**

**Chairman Bell** also acknowledged **Detroit City Council President Brenda Jones** and requested she address the meeting. President Jones thanked the Board and saluted the work of the Board.

**Chief of Police Report:** Representing **Chief of Police James Craig** was AC Arnold Williams. AC Williams reported on CompStat data from reporting period ending May 7, 2017, Year to Date Comps for Homicide (3% increase), Non-Fatal Shootings (-3% decrease), Sexual Assault (-15% decrease), Carjacking (N/A).

**Presentation to the Board:** (A) Medical Marijuana Clinics (B) Homicide (C) 8<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct Report.

(A) Medical Marijuana Clinics. The presentation to the Board was a joint presentation from Detroit Building Safety Engineering and Environment Department (BSEED) and Corporation Counsel. **Ms. Jayda Sanford (Zoning Inspector) and Eric Johnson (Chief Inspector)** discussed the regulatory process for setting up and operating Medical Marijuana Clinics in Detroit. BSEED representatives indicated the application process and licensing process was at the BSEED website. BSEED outlined the regulatory restrictions imposed in clinics including 1000 feet restrictions from school, churches and other controlled zoned locations. Johnson reported that there are 3 licensed clinics in operations, but there are also some 50 plus clinics seeking zoning wavers and an additional 60 clinics in one stage or another appealing the licensing process either with Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) or Circuit Court. Mr. Johnson also noted the backlog of waiver cases at BZA.

Representing Corporation Counsel was **Melvin Hollowell**. Mr. Hollowell indicated the City has two ordinances impacting the operation and licensing of Medical Marijuana Clinics. He also indicated there has been 167 clinics closed, 65 in approval process and operating, 70 in approval process and 3 operating with a license. Mr. Hollowell also discussed the legal strategy and accomplishments of Corporation Counsel. **Commissioner Brooks** suggested that as a requirement to operate a legal clinic, the clinic should be required to be a Green Light location. **Commissioner Carter** highlighted as new information that Medical Marijuana Clinic are required to close by 8:00 PM. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** inquired about the maximum number of clinic that can operate in the City. **Commissioner Vann** challenged the logic of allowing Medical Marijuana Clinics to operate pending licensure when Control Liquor Shops and Barber Shops are not allowed to operate without a license. Commissioner Shelby asked about the frequency of the enforcement effort by BSEED.

(B) Homicide. **Commander Marlon Wilson** addressed the Board and provide information on the operation and accomplishments of DPD Homicide. His presentations outlined personnel assigned to Homicide, statistical data for years 2016 and 2017, various initiatives including Mothers of Murdered Children, Victim Assistant Program, Casefire Outreach Program, DEA Overdose Project, Improved Tracking of Motives and Factors, Crime Stoppers, and Fox 2 News Partnership. Commander Wilson also discussed 9<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct Murder data (2012 thru 2016), 9<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct Homicide Closure data (2012 thru 2016) and 2012 thru 2016 District Murder Comparison (Eastern and Northwest). **Commissioner Vann** inquired about the 70% closure rate. **Commissioner Bell** added the need for a gun safety program.

(C) 8<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct Report. **Captain Kurt Worboys** addressed the Board describing the physical boundaries of the precinct. He also described the geographic elements within the precinct including the number of schools, populations, churches, business and community associations and CB patrols. Captain Worboys also discuss crime reduction strategy utilized at the precinct level and the interaction with various individuals and groups within the precinct.

**BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports:** None.

**Report from the Board Secretary:** **Mr. Hicks** reported on one communications from Christine Covais and two items generated from BOPC. Mr. Hicks reported on the notice in today's Board package (also in Tuesday's e-mail package) in connection with leadership elections. Additionally, Mr. Hicks highlighted the BOPC E-News Weekly Blast generated from our Outreach and Media Coordinator, Ms. Blossom. Mr. Hicks asked Board members to mark their calendars for Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> starting 12:00

Noon and Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM, for the Board's Training Program. Our Training will take place at the Atheneum Suite Hotel, downtown. We will have guest from the LA-PD, who will share some of their experience on police oversight. The sessions are closed as part of our training program. This session is designed to discuss and set goals for BOPC.

**Old Business. None**

**New Business.** No new business.

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting, Thursday, May 18, 2017 @ 2:30 PM, Detroit Public safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, 48226.

Next Community Meeting, Thursday, June 8, 2017 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct.

**Oral Communications:** **Michelle George**, discussed the impact of second hand marijuana use and the activities of US Attorney Jeff Sessions. **Peggie Dunkirk**, addressed concerns about how we can keep various Medical Marijuana Clinic closed. **Patricia Carter**, Oakman Blvd Community Association applauded the Chief and leadership at the precinct level. She also indicated that much of the concern around the regulatory efforts associated with Medical Marijuana is the process and procedures associated with the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). **William M. Davis** addressed speeding down residential streets. **Scottie Bowman** raised questions about the disproportionate enforcement against Medical Marijuana as opposed to liquor stores.

**Chairman Bell.** 8:49 PM. Adjourned.